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Southern District of New York*

*United States District Courthouse
300 Quarropas Street
White Plains, New York 10601*

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The Honorable Nelson S. Román
United States District Judge
300 Quarropas Street
White Plains, NY 10601

RE: *United States v. Chukwuemeka Okparaeké*, S4 17 Cr. 225 (NSR)

Dear Judge Román:

The Government respectfully submits this letter to request that the Court enter the attached proposed Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (“CPOF”) in the above-captioned case. The defendant has consented to the entry of the CPOF as part of his plea agreement, and executed the CPOF through his stand-by counsel in advance of the plea.¹ *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(4) (“At sentencing—or at any time before sentencing if the defendant consents—the preliminary forfeiture order becomes final as to the defendant.”). Prompt entry of the CPOF will enable the forfeiture process to continue in a timely fashion, including by allowing the Government to commence publication of the notice of forfeiture as provided in the CPOF.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ The Government has added the date that the defendant was charged in, and pleaded guilty to, the S4 Information (October 15, 2020) to pages 1 and 3 of the CPOF. No other edits have been made to the CPOF since the defendant signed it through his stand-by counsel.